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Claim 41. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising (i) a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ. ID. [NO. 2, 4, 6 or 8] NOS:1, 3, 5 or 7 or (ii) a polynucleotide having a sequence complementary to said sequence, or (iii) comprising a polynucleotide that hybridizes to the polynucleotide (i) or (ii) in 0.9 M NaCl, 0.09 M citric acid at 65°C.

REMARKS

Applicants' Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 filed July 30, 1999, presented amendments thought to be sufficient to place the application into condition for allowance. It has come to the attention of Applicants' Representative that further amendments to the claims are necessary to conform the description in the claims with the description in the Sequence Listing filed July 30, 1999. The necessary amendments are made above.

The present application should now be found in condition for allowance; such favorable action is respectfully requested.

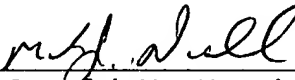
If there are any minor matters precluding allowance of the application that can be resolved by a telephone discussion, the Examiner is invited to contact Mark J. Nuell, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 36,623) at 703-205-8000.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time for one (1) month for filing a response in connection with the present application. The required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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